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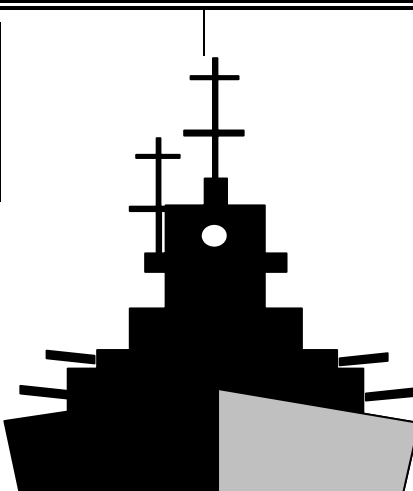
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1998 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

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Portability of State Licenses for DoD Health Care Professionals:



"This solves the licensing problems raised by affiliation agreements such as those with civilian hospitals in Rhode Island and South Carolina and is consistent with our previous "Federal Supremacy" position."

Section 737 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act addresses the portability of state licenses for DoD health care professionals. It states

"Amends 10 USC 1094 to provide that licensed military health care providers can practice in DC or any U.S. state, territory or possession regardless of whether or not the provider is licensed in that particular jurisdiction, so long as they are performing official duties."

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How does this change in the 1998 Defense Authorization Act affect Navy PACS? This gives Navy PACs additional information to give to the Medical Staff when this issue is discussed. Often, if a Navy hospital is considering entering into an External Partnership/External Resource Sharing Agreement with a hospital in the civilian community, the PAC will be asked for information regarding licensure issues for our Navy providers. The PAC can share the above information with the Medical Staff assisting them with their decision making process on this issue. Does this mean individual states will follow this statutory requirement?

That remains to be seen.

**NAVAL HOSPITAL
OAKLAND'S TRAINING
FILES FOUND!** Mr. J. Behnke

**The Intern/Residency Files Have
Been Found for NH Oakland!**

As a result of the Base
Realignment and Closure
Commission (BRAC) of 1993, the
Naval Hospital Oakland,
California has transferred all
training records to the
Registrar at the Naval School of
Health Sciences Bethesda,
Maryland.

Did one of your doctors complete
training at the Naval Hospital
Oakland? If they did and need
verification of that training
they can write to the following
address:

Commanding Officer
Attn: Registrar
Naval School of Health Sciences
8901 Wisconsin Ave
Bethesda, MD 20889-5611

If any additional assistance is
needed, please contact CDR G.
Irvine.

DON'S CCQAS CORNER
Mr. Don Riggs

**NPDB Query For New
Providers:**

Do you have a new Provider on
board, and need an NPDB Query?
Here is the process to get your
query.

The Navy's NPDB Queries are done
here at NHSO, in Jacksonville.
We also keep the master Navy
CCQAS database. From that
database, queries are run. If a
Providers' CCQAS record is not
in our master database, then no
query can be run on that
Provider.

So, you need to send us a CCQAS
record on all new Providers that
require a NPDB. Here is a way
to get those CCQAS records to
us.

Start CCQAS. In Browse mode,
highlight the subject Providers'
record, then click the PCS EXTR
button on the toolbar. Enter: A
as the drive letter (put a
diskette in first!), and then
click: OK. The CCQAS record
will be copied to A:. Then, you
will be asked if you want to
delete this Providers' record.
Type in: N, and then click: OK.
Next, a box will appear, telling
you to forward the record to the
next command. If you have more
than one new Provider, leave the
diskette in, and follow the same
steps as above. You will be
asked an additional question
this time. You must enter: U at
the Use or Clear prompt. U,
means append the current
Provider to the same file as the
last Provider. (C, means erase
first, then copy the current
provider). Next, you should
open your Email program, and
send the A:\CCQASPCS.DBF file as
an attachment.

Be sure these fields have good data in them!!! LNAME, FNAME, MI, DOB (birthdate), PR_SC_AT (primary school), CLPT_DTE1 (school grad date), L1 (license state), F_LIC1 (field of license), ST_LIC1 (status of license), L1_NUM (license number). Also, status of license must be 'C', and field of license must be 030 or less (e.g. 020, 010).

CCQAS Housekeeping:

Here are some things to check before you mail in your Quarterly Report.

1. If you have a provider that is leaving your command, then be sure to move the CCQAS record to the CCQAS Archive file - before you send in your Quarterly Report. To do this: in Browse mode, highlight the subject Providers' record, then click the ARC EXTR button on the toolbar. Answer: Y, to delete the record. Then pack your CCQAS database, before you mail us your Quarterly Report.
2. If you put records in CCQAS that are not active providers, or that you are not the privileging activity for, then be sure to enter: Y in the Member Received On ICTB field, on the Medical Readiness Training screen. That way, when we (HSO) upload your Quarterly Report, the record will be skipped (all ICTB records are skipped, and not uploaded).
3. If you are the privileging activity for other sites in addition to your own, then fill in the Assigned UIC field

with the UIC the Provider is actually working at. Your UIC should always be in the Privileging UIC field.

4. Don't forget! The medical readiness fields need to be updated regularly. Statistics, by command, are generated on this information, and forwarded onto Health Affairs (HA), to assist them in their decision making processes.
5. Keep all expired licenses on the Providers CCQAS record. Don't delete any!! Just move the current ones to the top. The old license numbers are needed for history, plus NPDB querying.
6. Be nice to your fellow PACs! When you are losing a Provider, send the gaining command a diskette with the Providers CCQAS record on it! You may also Email it. It's easy to do, and it makes it very nice for the gaining Command. Use the same procedure that's described in NPDB Queries For New Providers, above. The only difference, would be that you should answer Y to delete record.

CCQAS Quarterly Reports:

Quarterly reports should be created on the first day of each new quarter (Jan 1, Apr 1, Jul 1, Oct 1). Here are the steps for submitting your Quarterly Reports to us (HSO).

1. Put a formatted, empty diskette in A:. Start up CCQAS and enter Browse mode.

Click on the ZIP button.
Enter: A as the drive, and
then click: OK. Click: Create
A New Empty Zip File, and
enter your UIC number for the
Zip file name, and then click:
OK. Click: Add A File To The
Zip File. Highlight:
CCQAS.DBF, then click: Add
Highlighted File. Wait until
a box appears saying the Zip
is done, then click: OK. Then
click: Exit, and then: Exit.
Now you should be back at the
browse screen.

2. Now you may either mail the
diskette to us, or Email the
A:\xxxxx file to us as an
attachment (xxxxx is your UIC
number). The Email address
is:
jax0dwr@jax10.med.navy.mil.
The Mailing address is:
OIC;Naval Healthcare Support
Office;Box 140;Attn: Don
Riggs;Jacksonville, FL;32212-
0140

REPORT ON THE ABMS

CDR G. Irvine

Physicians, Dentists,
Osteopathic, and Podiatry
providers can be board
certified.

Medical: 24 Specialty Boards

Below are the 24 specialty
boards recognized by the
American Board of Medical
Specialties (ABMS) and the Navy.
Most boards also award
certifications in
subspecialties. To determine

whether a subspecialty is
officially recognized or whether
a physician is board certified,
call the ABMS at 1-800-776-2378.

American Board of.....

Allergy & Immunology
Anesthesiology
Colon & Rectal Surgery
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
Internal Medicine
Medical Genetics
Neurological Surgery
Nuclear Medicine
OB/GYN
Ophthalmology
Orthopaedic Surgery
Otolaryngology
Pathology
Pediatrics
Physical Medicine & Rehab
Plastic Surgery
Preventive Medicine
Psychiatry & Neurology
Radiology
Surgery
Thoracic Surgery
Urology

There is a listing of 126
unofficial boards compiled by
the ABMS. These self-designated
boards certify physicians and
sometimes non-physicians as
well. If you have any questions
regarding boards not falling

under the ABMS recognition,
contact CDR G. Irvine.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Boards:

You can contact the AOA at 1-800-621-1773 Ext 7445 if you have any questions regarding AOA board certification. Contact CDR G. Irvine if you have any additional questions regarding AOA board certification.

American Dental Association (ADA) Boards:

American Board of.....

- Dental Public Health
- Endodontics
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
- Oral Pathology
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontology
- Prosthodontics

For general information the ADA may be reached at the following number, (312) 440-2500.

American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Board:

The following are the only podiatric specialty boards approved by the APMA. For general information the APMA may be reached at the following number: (301) 571-9200

American Board of.....

Podiatric Orthopedics &
Primary Podiatric Medicine

Podiatric Surgery

Physician Assistant (PA):

The PA is not considered board certified. The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) is the only organization that certifies the PA. For further information contact the NCCPA at (770) 493-9100.

With all the boards mentioned above, you must contact the appropriate board to verify current board information.

INTERNET: NAVY X.500 DIRECTORY

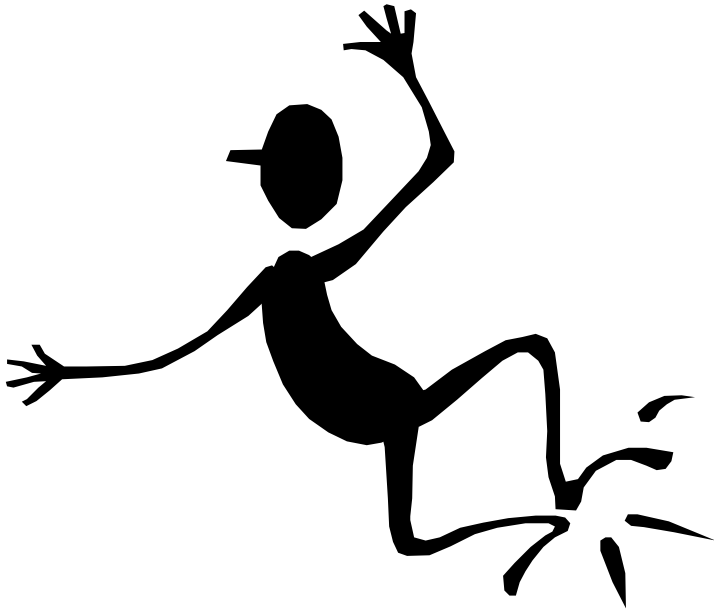
Electronic Navy Directory

There is a new site on the internet to be used as a lookup table for individuals in the Navy outside the Claimancy 18 confines:

[www.navydirectory.newnet.](http://www.navydirectory.newnet.navy.mil)

[navy.mil](http://www.navydirectory.newnet.navy.mil). this new site is still "under construction." Take the time to go and look up a name of someone in the Navy and see what information is included. It seems that in the future, pictures are to be included - search on RADM Phillips name to see the future.

The project manager is downloading the names from BUPERS and the civilian data base.



A picture of each and every one of us on the Internet...Oh jump for joy!!!!!!!!!!!!

LICENSURE GUIDELINES FOR SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

CDR G. Irvine

Licensure/certification guidelines regarding speech language pathologists/clinicians follows. Speech Pathologists must possess:

1. Baccalaureate degree in Speech Pathology;
2. State licensure; and,
3. The Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Language

Pathology (CCC-SP) from the ASHA.

You may have a civilian practitioner who was hired under the old standard which did not require the CCC-SP certification. How do you manage this practitioner?

According to the Audiology Specialty Leader: Individuals who were currently under standards at the time of the change who have been successfully providing care, and who maintain a state license, will be able to continue practicing independently (grandfathered) regardless of clinical location. Individuals who were not under standards at the time of the change will be required to meet the new standards in order to comply with the new requirement.

If your command has Speech Pathologists, not meeting Navy standards and you have not previously discussed this issue with me, please contact me ASAP.

INITIAL PRIVILEGING FOR THE NAVAL RESERVE

LCDR S. O'Connor

As a follow up to the Credentials and Privileging Conference (4-6 November 1997), the Centralized Credentials Review and Privileging Department's (CCPD) transition period to implement initial privileging for the Naval Reserve community per BUMEDINST

6320.66B will be ninety days. Those Naval Reservists who have scheduled annual training periods between November 1997 to February 1998 will continue with initial privileging at their gaining Medical or Dental Treatment Facilities (MTF/DTF). Requested Individual Credentials Files (ICFs) will be transferred to those gaining sites. As of 1 February 1998, the Privileging Authority, Naval Healthcare Support Office (NHSO), Jacksonville, will do initial privileging for Naval Reservists. The Appendix Q and the Credentials Transfer Brief (CTB) will be utilized for review by the gaining sites to allow Naval Reservists to exercise the core privileges granted by the Officer in Charge, NHSO Jacksonville, FL.

It is recommended that the gaining sites per BUMEDINST 6320.66B assign proctors for the provisional (initial) period. Supplemental privileges will continue to be the MTF/DTF responsibility.

There may be some practitioners, that after a thorough review by the ECOMS/ECODS, are recommended to be first brought under a Plan of Supervision (POS) prior to initial privileging. In these cases, the ICF may be transferred to the MTF/DTF. The MTF/DTF will place the Naval Reservist under a POS and will generate a PAR upon completion. The ICF will then be returned to the CCPD, NHSO Jacksonville, FL, for initial privileging action. The Appendix Q and CTB will be used after initial privileging to allow the Naval Reservists to

exercise granted core privileges.

Contact LCDR S. O'Connor for any additional questions and/or problems.

A NAVY PAC'S PLEA TO FELLOW PROFESSIONAL PACS

A Navy PAC

I come to you, my fellow PACS, with a dilemma - the receipt of incomplete ICFs. Although I cannot site the source or directive I was informed several years ago that the current command is responsible for the entire ICF, including prior command actions in Section V. I have reviewed ICFs with documents missing from 4-5 commands prior. I have even received an ICF on one of our former providers who went to two other commands before returning back to us. When I received the ICF, there were documents missing while he was attached to our command. Luckily I went to our archives and made copies of the missing documents and put them back in his ICF.

The most common discrepancies include:

- A missing Appendix Q and PAR from a CTB that was issued at the prior command.
- No exit PAR from the current command.

No explanation is given in the transmittal letter as to the status of the missing documents,

or whether they will be forthcoming. We NEED those exit PARs documenting current competency to grant privileges at the gaining command.

Problem: I understand that some CTBs go right up to the time of transfer, so the PAR may not be ready when you forward the ICF.

Suggestion: Request the PAR from the other activity in a timely manner. If you don't get it back in time, please provide status in the transmittal letter, so the next PAC is aware.

Problem: I have noticed some PACs get hung up on the from-to dates on their command's exit PAR. Since ICFs are supposed to be at the gaining command 15 days prior to arrival, PARs must be closed out in advance.

Suggestion:
(Example) If you need to get an ICF forwarded in April for a May "report" date, the exit PAR should report data through March. Don't worry....if the provider does anything HORRIBLE during the last month, you can always do a "special" PAR to document the matter.

We can all do our part to make the process more efficient!

If you have any recommendations for overall ICF/IPF management, contact CDR Irvine. These recommendations/suggestions will be forwarded to all Navy PACS.

REITERATION OF NAVY LICENSURE POLICY

CDR G. Irvine

ISSUE 1: Status of Military Exempt licenses. No further information regarding this issue. Upon receipt of BUMED policy letter, I will forward this letter, with any additional instructions, to every PAC.

ISSUE 2: Licensure status of non-clinical Navy providers, e.g., admin/researchers/students /instructors/etc.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

If you all will remember, in the outdated SECNAVINST 6401.2A (revision is almost complete...signature date TBA) "*Licensure and Certification of Health Care Providers*" of 31 Jan 89, there was a section stating providers not assigned to clinical billets, not involved in clinical practice, are not required to maintain licensure. This was one of the first statements to be deleted in the revised instruction.

CURRENT POLICY:

Licensure, certification or registration is a qualification for employment/commission as an uniformed health care provider in the military health care system, and is **required for the**

entire period of employment/commission irrespective of assignment, billet type or duties and responsibilities (clinical, research, executive medicine, instructor, or business administration). I will be attending a meeting at the end of this month to discuss the above issue. There are two issues needing resolution: a) Identification of these non-clinical providers at my level, and b) management of their licensure status.

What does this mean for you as the PAC at your command? As you know, the CCDB and now CCQAS only contain data for the licensed "clinical" provider. Additionally, most of you only maintain ICF/IPFs on your clinically active providers. There may be several health care providers at your facility that are strictly administrative, that you may not even know about.

The management of these different non-clinical provider types will be discussed at the BUMED meeting.

More information to follow.

**THE OPERATIONAL
WAIVER OR WHAT'S UP
DOC?**

CDR G. Irvine

1. The DoD licensure exemption is an exemption, not a temporary waiver from licensure.

2. The exemption is for those physicians, who are assigned to an operational billet, NAMI or NUMI following completion of internship (PGY-1).

3. Dentists are not allowed operational exemptions.

4. The exemption does not include physicians in either CONUS or OCONUS facilities...*only operational billets.*

5. **There is no extension for the exemption.** If the physician is not licensed after one year from the date of PG-1 graduation, the physician is immediately placed under a Plan of Supervision (POS) until licensure is obtained. This will represent a lapse of privileges. When the physician obtains current licensure status, and the PAC has completed the primary source verification, the physician submits an application package for a medical staff appointment with clinical privileges. Privileges are not *"placed on hold"* during the time of the POS.

Contact me for any specific exemption questions.

HEADS UP!!!!!!!!!!!!
1998 PAC CONFERENCE
ALERT...

The agenda is shaping up for the 1998 PAC Conference this year in Jacksonville, FL. Reserve the following dates on your calendar: 30 Nov through 3 Dec 98. 3 Dec will be a full day...we have left Friday as a travel day.

Agenda will be published as soon as firm. Since this is a holiday weekend, travel arrangements should be made as soon as possible. ***Hesitation could result in a loooooong walk!***

A block of rooms has been reserved at the BOQ, which is the same location for the conference. You can call the BOQ at (904) 542-3427 for reservations. Identify the conference when making your reservations.

The first day is strictly for the new PACs and will discuss and instruct in the basics of the Navy's' credentials process. The afternoon will offer "hand's on" CCQAS training for this group. Seasoned PACS are welcomed to attend, however, the new/novice PACS will be at the computers. If you do not know who you are, call CDR Irvine or Ms. Sandy Banning as we will gladly assist you in your decision making process.

As more information is available, per message, **we will notify you.**